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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Correction**

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*Note: The men referenced is this release, originally issued yesterday, agreed to bond forfeiture in lieu of prosecution. The correct language appears in italics. We apologize for the error.*

### **‘MUD BOGGERS’ TO PAY FOR DAMAGE**

Four ATV users who rode through a creek, damaged wetlands and used a winch to remove a tree have *agreed to forfeit bonds ranging from \$70 to \$75* and will pay to repair the damage, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss announced today. Together, the four will pay total damages of \$1,590.

Ranier Borgeman, 31, Walter Hollis, 23, and Ramon Sanchez, 24, all of Blackfoot, and Juan Saltero, 25, of Pocatello, were cited last July for damaging natural resources on the Lost River Ranger District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Forest Service officials said the four engaged in ‘mud

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bogging’ and pulled at least one large tree out of Cherry Creek so they could get into other areas.

It's that kind of behavior that gives ATV users a black eye, said Mike Foster, a Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer on the Lost River District. "These people used very poor judgement," Foster said. "By riding in streambeds, mud-bogging in wet meadows and pulling trees, they damaged the resource and degraded the experience for all recreationists, including their fellow riders."

While most ATV users are responsible, the problem of illegal use is growing, said Carol Eckert, District Ranger for the Lost River District. "Illegal users are creating unauthorized trails, breaking down streambanks, causing erosion, disturbing wildlife and destroying vegetation," she said.

Eckert said the Forest Service and Idaho Fish and Game have boosted their efforts to apprehend illegal users and need the public's help. "Responsible citizens helped us catch these four violators," she said. "With more than 800,000 acres in the District, we must have the public's support if we are to stop unacceptable behavior and protect responsible ATV users."

The Salmon-Challis National Forest has a Travel Management Plan that describes appropriate ATV use and identifies seasonally-closed roads and trails. Foster said Travel Plan maps are available free at most convenience stores, gas stations and Forest Service offices in the area. "There's just no excuse for people not knowing what they can and can't do on public lands," he said.

Violations can bring fines of up to \$5,000 in addition to payment for damage. Anyone with information about illegal activities on a national forest should contact their local Forest Service office.

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*A digital photograph of the violators "mud-bogging" is available from [jean.mcneil@usdoj.gov](mailto:jean.mcneil@usdoj.gov).*